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Illinois Vehicle Guide for new Illinois residents

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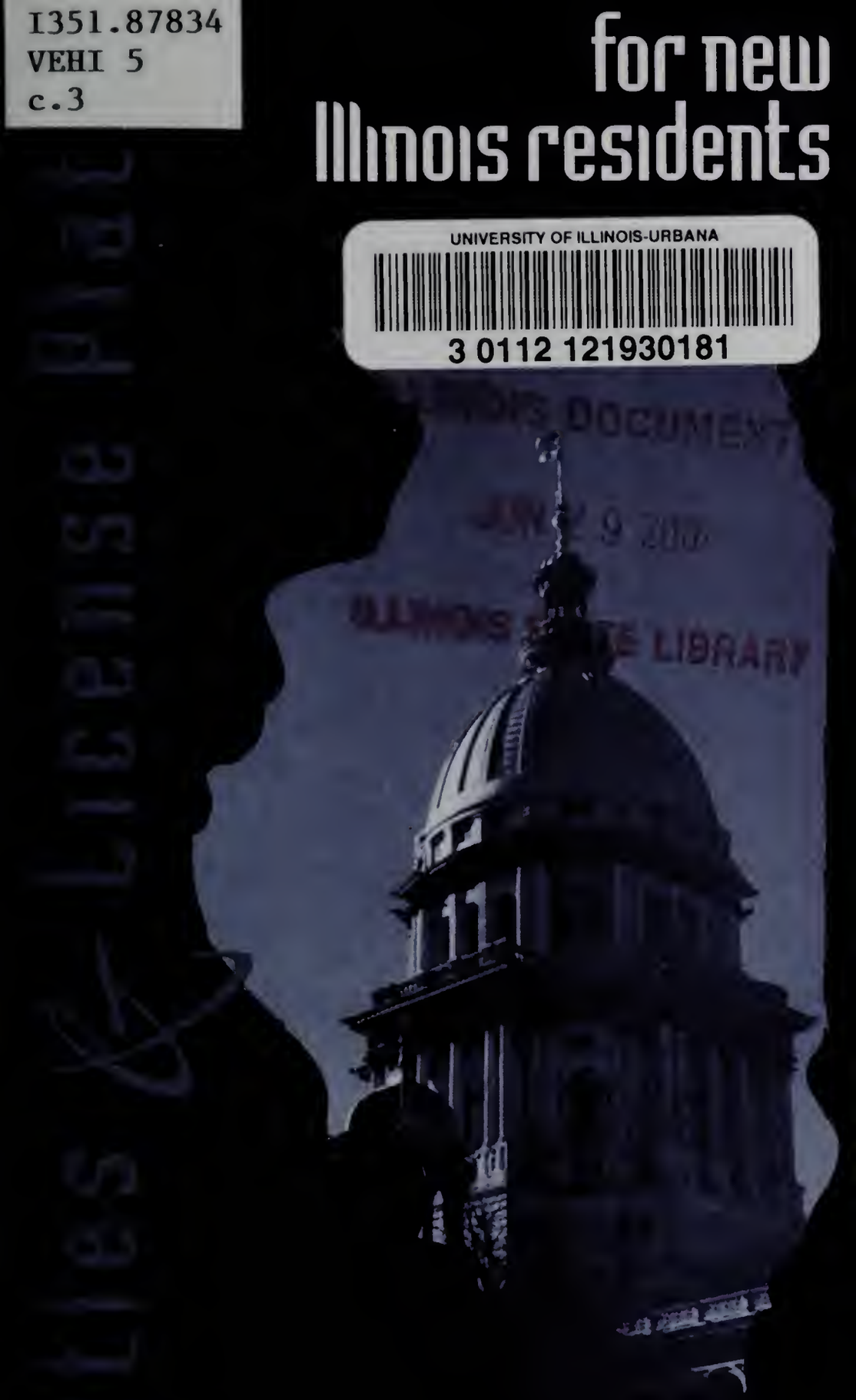

Jesse White
Illinois Secretary of State

Congratulations on choosing Illinois as your new home. Let me welcome you to one of the most hospitable and prosperous states in the nation, a state aptly called the "Land of Lincoln."

As someone who has dedicated his life to serving the public, let me assure you that as Secretary of State, I remain committed to providing friendly, efficient and timely service to the residents of this state.

This brochure provides information on obtaining an Illinois title and license plates for your vehicle. Please contact my Vehicle Services Department if you need further information about title and registration procedures, or check my Web site at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

I look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

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How to Apply

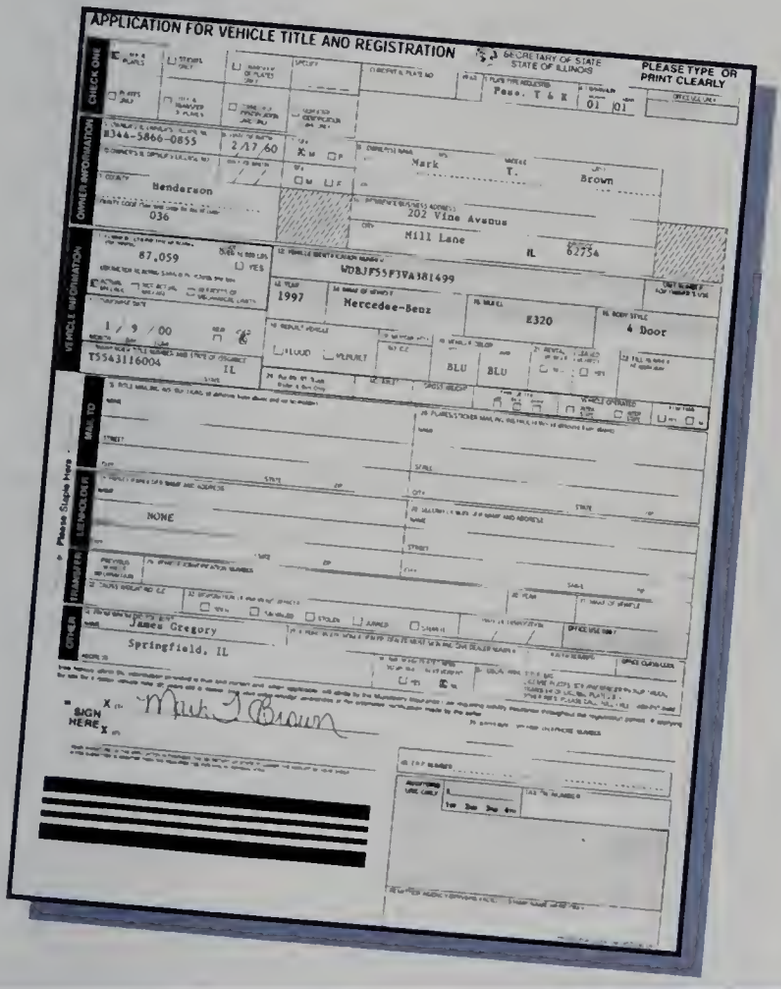
New residents have 30 days to apply for an Illinois title and registration after establishing residence, provided the vehicle is properly registered in another jurisdiction. Complete an Application for Vehicle Title and Registration (VSD-190) and provide supporting documents verifying the following information:

1. Name and address of the owner.

2. Odometer reading as it appears on the vehicle odometer. Do not include tenths of a mile. Mark the appropriate boxes: actual mileage, not actual mileage or in excess of mechanical limits (the odometer has rolled over).

3. Description of the vehicle, including year, make, model, vehicle identification number, body type, date of purchase and whether new or used.

4. Names and addresses of any lienholders in order of priority.



For more information

Toll-free • 800-252-8980

Chicago • 312-793-1020

Supporting Documents

The application must be accompanied by the out-of-state certificate of title or other proof of ownership acceptable by the Illinois Secretary of State. If the title is being held by an out-of-state lienholder due to an outstanding loan, a copy of either the title, Certificate of Origin, out-of-state registration or Bill of Sale and a copy of the loan agreement must submitted in lieu of the title. Call the Mail-In Title Audit Section at 217-782-6306 for further details.

Additional Documents

Some plate categories may require additional documentation such as:

- proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance)
- proof of vehicle inspection certification
- proof of disability
- proof of disabled veteran status
- proof of military status
- legible photocopy of FCC license.

Sales Tax

Vehicles titled and registered in another jurisdiction three months prior to moving to Illinois are exempt from Illinois tax. Tax form RUT-50 (if purchased from an individual) or RUT-25 (if purchased from an out-of-state dealer) must be submitted showing exempt status. Lessors, lessees, businesses relocating to Illinois and military persons whose home of record is Illinois are not entitled to this exemption, although depreciation is allowed. Tax form RUT-25 must be completed to allow depreciation.

If you recently purchased and have not titled or registered the vehicle you are bringing into this state, a properly completed tax form, RUT-25 or RUT-50 and any applicable tax (payable to the Illinois Department of Revenue) must accompany your application to the Secretary of State's office. See tax forms for further explanation, and contact the Department of Revenue for more information at 800-732-8866 (Illinois residents) or 217-782-3336.

What Vehicles Must Be Titled and Registered

All vehicles operated on Illinois public roads must be titled and registered. If a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle or motor-driven cycle is not properly manufactured or equipped for general highway use as required by law, it is not eligible for registration but will be issued a distinctive Certificate of Title.

Title Only Requests

For vehicles that will not be operated on public roads, a vehicle title application (VSD-330) only is required, along with the proper fee. Titles showing a lien are mailed to the lienholder while others must be mailed directly to the owner at the residence on the title.

Fees

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Title fee	$65
Title fee for all-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles not used for production agriculture	$30
If used for production agriculture	$13

Annual License Plate Fees

Passenger car	$78
Environmental	$118
B-truck (up to 8,000 lbs.)	$78
Motorcycle	$38
after Sept. 15	$19
Small trailer (up to 3,000 lbs.)	$18

Vanity License Plate Fees

(initial fee in addition to fee shown above)

Passenger vehicles, B-truck, Recreational Vehicle, Antique Trailer, Person with Disabilities vehicle	$94
Motorcycle	$50
Recreational Trailer	$50

An annual $13 vanity plate fee is charged in addition to the annual registration fee. Other registration fees vary according to weight, special use of the vehicle, business concern, etc. Make fees payable to the Illinois Secretary of State. Do not send cash.

Where to Apply

You can apply at most Secretary of State Driver Services facilities. For a list of Driver Services facilities, go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Springfield Service Centers

- Howlett Building, 501 S. Second St.
- 2701 S. Dirksen Parkway

Chicago Service Centers

- 100 W. Randolph
- 9901 S. King Dr.
- 5401 N. Elston
- 5301 W. Lexington

Mailing Address

Office of the Secretary of State
Mail-In Title Audit Section
628 Howlett Building
501 S. Second St.
Springfield, IL 62756

Renewal Information

Vehicle owners are responsible for maintaining valid registration. All vehicle registrations expire at the end of the month. The Secretary of State mails out registration renewal applications prior to the expiration date. If you do not receive a renewal application, contact the office.

Easy Ways to Renew

- by mail
- by phone through Touch-Tone Renewal
- at a customer service center or most Secretary of State Driver Services facilities
- at a participating financial institution (passenger car, B-truck, small trailer and motorcycle only).
- online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Mandatory Insurance

All motor vehicles registered and operated in Illinois must have liability insurance covering property damage and/or injuries you may cause others in an accident.

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